

What is claimed is:

1        1. An input processing system comprising:  
2        a plurality of input apparatuses;  
3        a processing apparatus;  
4        a setter that sets an operation of the processing apparatus  
5        in accordance with an input entered through an input operation  
6        performed on an input apparatus among the plurality of input  
7        apparatuses; and  
8        a controller that determines an automatic-clear time for  
9        the input apparatus on which the input operation was performed,  
10       wherein a different automatic-clear time is determined for each  
11       of the plurality of input apparatuses, and if another input  
12       operation is not performed on the input apparatus during the  
13       determined automatic-clear time, executes an automatic-clear  
14       function to clear the set operation to an initially set default.

1       2. The input processing system of Claim 1 further  
2       comprising  
3       a receiver that receives an extension request entered by  
4       a user to extend the determined automatic-clear time, wherein  
5       the controller extends the determined automatic-clear  
6       time after the receiver receives the extension request.

1       3. The input processing system of Claim 1 further  
2       comprising  
3       an identifying unit that identifies the input apparatus  
4       on which the input operation was performed, wherein

5 the controller identifies the input apparatus from a result  
6 of the identification by the identifying unit.

1 4. The input processing system of Claim 3, wherein  
2 the input apparatus transmits, to the identifying unit,  
3 identification information that identifies the input apparatus  
4 on which the input operation was performed, and  
5 the identifying unit identifies the input apparatus based  
6 on the identification information transmitted from the input  
7 apparatus.

1 5. The input processing system of Claim 1 further  
2 comprising  
3 a table storing data of automatic-clear times respectively  
4 corresponding to the plurality of input apparatuses, wherein  
5 the controller reads data of an automatic-clear time  
6 corresponding to the input apparatus on which the input operation  
7 was performed, and determines the automatic-clear time of the  
8 read data as the automatic-clear time for the input apparatus.

1 6. The input processing system of Claim 5, wherein  
2 the data stored in the table can be rewritten.

1 7. The input processing system of Claim 1, wherein  
2 the controller determines a longer automatic-clear time  
3 for an input apparatus that is universal-design-compliant than  
4 for an input apparatus that is not universal-design-compliant.

1           8. The input processing system of Claim 1, wherein  
2           the controller determines an automatic-clear time for an  
3   object input apparatus in a manner where the longer an interval  
4   between input operations in the object input apparatus is  
5   expected to be, the longer the automatic-clear time determined  
6   for the object input apparatus is.

1           9. An image processing apparatus that receives inputs  
2   through a plurality of input apparatuses, comprising:  
3           a setter that sets an operation of the processing apparatus  
4   in accordance with an input entered through an input operation  
5   performed on an input apparatus among the plurality of input  
6   apparatuses; and  
7           a controller that determines an automatic-clear time for  
8   the input apparatus on which the input operation was performed,  
9   wherein a different automatic-clear time is determined for each  
10   of the plurality of input apparatuses, and if another input  
11   operation is not performed on the input apparatus during the  
12   determined automatic-clear time, executes an automatic-clear  
13   function to clear the set operation to an initially set default.

1           10. The image processing apparatus of Claim 9 further  
2   comprising  
3   ----- a receiver that receives an extension request entered by  
4   a user to extend the determined automatic-clear time, wherein  
5           the controller extends the determined automatic-clear  
6   time after the receiver receives the extension request.

1        11. The image processing apparatus of Claim 9 further  
2 comprising  
3        an identifying unit that identifies the input apparatus  
4 on which the input operation was performed, wherein  
5        the controller identifies the input apparatus from a result  
6 of the identification by the identifying unit.

1        12. The image processing apparatus of Claim 11, wherein  
2        the input apparatus transmits, to the identifying unit,  
3 identification information that identifies the input apparatus  
4 on which the input operation was performed, and  
5        the identifying unit identifies the input apparatus based  
6 on the identification information transmitted from the input  
7 apparatus.

1        13. The image processing apparatus of Claim 9 further  
2 comprising  
3        a table storing data of automatic-clear times respectively  
4 corresponding to the plurality of input apparatuses, wherein  
5        the controller reads data of an automatic-clear time  
6 corresponding to the input apparatus on which the input operation  
7 was performed, and determines the automatic-clear time of the  
8 read data as the automatic-clear time for the input apparatus.

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1        14. The image processing apparatus of Claim 13, wherein  
2        the data stored in the table can be rewritten.

1        15. The image processing apparatus of Claim 9, wherein  
2        the controller determines a longer automatic-clear time  
3        for an input apparatus that is universal-design-compliant than  
4        for an input apparatus that is not universal-design-compliant.

1        16. The image processing apparatus of Claim 9, wherein  
2        the controller determines an automatic-clear time for an  
3        object input apparatus in a manner where the longer an interval  
4        between input operations in the object input apparatus is  
5        expected to be, the longer the automatic-clear time determined  
6        for the object input apparatus is.

1        17. The image processing apparatus of Claim 9, wherein  
2        at least one of the plurality of input apparatuses is  
3        connected to the image processing apparatus via a network.

1        18. The image processing apparatus of Claim 9, wherein  
2        at least one of the plurality of input apparatuses is  
3        connected to a terminal apparatus that is connected to the image  
4        processing apparatus via a network.

1        19. The image processing apparatus of Claim 18, wherein  
2        after executing the automatic-clear function, the  
3        controller notifies the terminal apparatus of a fact that the  
4        controller has executed the automatic-clear function.

1        20. The image processing apparatus of Claim 9, wherein

2       one or more of the plurality of input apparatuses are  
3       connected to the image processing apparatus via a server provided  
4       in a network.

1       21. The image processing apparatus of Claim 20, wherein  
2       the server includes a table storing data of automatic-clear  
3       times respectively corresponding to the one or more input  
4       apparatuses connected to the image processing apparatus via the  
5       server, wherein

6       if the input apparatus on which the input operation was  
7       performed is one of the one or more input apparatuses connected  
8       to the image processing apparatus via the server, the controller  
9       obtains, from the server, data of an automatic-clear time  
10      corresponding to the input apparatus, and determines the  
11      automatic-clear time of the obtained data as the automatic-clear  
12      time for the input apparatus.

1       22. The image processing apparatus of Claim 20, wherein  
2       after executing the automatic-clear function, the  
3       controller notifies the server of a fact that the controller  
4       has executed the automatic-clear function.

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